

Fred M. Midgette
Rear Admiral, U.S. Coast Guard



Rear Admiral Midgette assumed duty as the Ninth Coast Guard District Commander in June 2013. He is the senior Coast Guard commander for the five Great Lakes and Saint Lawrence Seaway, which includes 1,500 miles of international border. He leads 6,000 Coast Guard active duty, reserve, civilian and auxiliary men and women serving at 77 subordinate units and on the District staff.

His previous assignment was as Military Advisor to the Secretary of Homeland Security where he supported the Secretary in affairs relating to the coordination and execution of policy and operations between the Department of Homeland Security and the Department of Defense.

He is a Coast Guard Cutterman, and a U.S. Navy Surface Warfare Officer having served over 12 years afloat in seven Coast Guard Cutters and a Navy Destroyer.

Prior assignments in the Great Lakes included duty as Chief of Staff of the Ninth Coast Guard District; Sector Commander and Captain of the Port of Detroit; and Commanding Officer of Coast Guard Cutter KATMAI BAY in Sault Ste. Marie, MI. He also served in a number of joint and liaison positions including tours on the Joint Staff at the Pentagon; with the legacy U.S. Customs Service; and as a liaison officer to U.S. Northern Command.

Rear Admiral Midgette is a native of Virginia Beach, VA and he holds a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering (Coast Guard Academy), a Masters of Science in Management (Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute), and a Master of Arts in National Security and Strategic Studies (Naval War College).